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Senate

The Senate met at 12:01 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, Source of all the blessings, of life, You have made us rich spiritually. As we begin this new week, we realize that You have placed in our spiritual bank account, abundant deposits for the work of this week. You assure us of Your everlasting, loving kindness. You give us the gift of faith to trust You for exactly what we will need each hour of the busy week ahead. You promise to go before us, preparing people and circumstances so we can accomplish our work without stress or strain. You guide us when we ask You for help. You give us gifts of wisdom, discernment knowledge of Your will, prophetic speech, and hopeful vision. Help us to draw on the constantly replenished spiritual reserves You provide. Bless the Senators this week with great trust in You, great blessings from You, and great effectiveness for You. You are our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We are glad to have the Chaplain back with us.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

WELCOME BACK

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, first of all, all of us welcome back our Chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie. We are thankful to Almighty God that the Holy Spirit inspired the medical providers so that he could be back with us to continue to inspire us and keep our feet to the ground and our eyes to the heavens.

SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the Federal Aviation Administration reform bill. By previous consent, the Senate will also begin debate on three judicial nominations with votes scheduled to occur on those nominations at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday in a stacked sequence. Also by previous consent, the Senate will conduct a roll-call vote at 5:30 today on the adoption of the Transportation appropriations conference report. Following that vote, Senators can also expect votes with respect to the FAA bill. For the remainder of the week, the Senate will continue debate on the FAA reform bill, complete action on the Labor-HHS bill, and consider nominations and conference reports that are available for action.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 with Senators permitted to

speak up to 10 minutes each and the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Ohio.

(The remarks of Mr. VOINOVICH pertaining to the introduction of S.J. Res. 35 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. VOINOVICH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I understand that Senators are permitted to speak 10 minutes now and we are in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES THOMAS "TONY" ANDERSON

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, those of us who are privileged to serve in the Senate are also privileged to become associated with a great many people who also serve our Nation's Capitol and, in turn, better enable us to meet our responsibilities.

They also serve the true "owners" of this Capitol Building, the many men, women, and children who visit this very historic place to see firsthand "their" Capitol, their symbol of America, and the freedoms that we all enjoy.

Despite the fact they do a good job, they are mostly unsung. I am talking about the 1,600 employees of the Senate. If you count our fine U.S. Capitol Police force, that number goes over 2,000.

Today, I rise to pay tribute to one such employee, former Hill staffer, James Thomas "Tony" Anderson, who passed away this past August.

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